

RESPONSE

In response to the Requirement for Election of Species dated April 7, 2005, applicant submits as follows:

Applicant elects species A drawn to a coupling-in device comprising a coupling-in area formed in a circle-segment-like fashion, and focusing optics formed in a circle-segment-like fashion, and further comprising a stem.

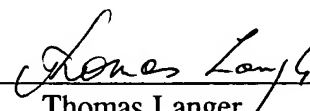
Claims 1-4 and 6-10 are directed to the elected species.

In addition, new claims 11-14 are presented above which are also drawn to the elected species. Support for the additional claims can be found, for example, in paragraph [0023] of the present specification.

Prosecution of the elected claims on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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